APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

CHARACTERS

HATRED

ALSO KNOWN AS THE RED HORSE.

FORMERLY ONE OF FOUR PALFREYS OF THE APOCALYPSE, **HATRED** WAS CAST ASIDE BY **WAR** WHEN THE HORSEMEN SWORE OFF USING THEIR TERRIBLE POWERS TO END THE WORLD. FEELING BETRAYED, HE WENT ON TO USE HIS OWN WARMONGERING ABILITIES TO WREAK HAVOC ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST, HOPING TO SOMEDAY REGAIN HIS PURPOSE AND FULFILL HIS DESTINY.

NOW IN SERVICE OF **THE DEVIL** HIMSELF, THIS BLOODTHIRSTY FORCE OF NATURE SEEKS REVENGE ON HIS FORMER MASTERS, WHOSE DESTRUCTION MIGHT FINALLY ALLOW HIM TO GAIN THE POWER HE SO DESPERATELY CRAVES.

HUNGER

ALSO KNOWN AS THE BLACK HORSE, OR GER.

HUNGER WAS **FAMINE**'S FORMER PARTNER AND SHARES HIS TALENT FOR EXALTING ACHE AND VORACITY. ALTHOUGH HE FOUND SOLACE IN AFRICA SINCE THE WAR, GER DOES RESENT HIS WEAKENED STATE, AND LONGS TO FULFILL HIS BIBLICAL MISSION. WHICH IS WHY HE ANSWERED **THE DEVIL**'S CALL TO RISE AGAINST THE HORSEMEN AND ULTIMATELY TAKE THEIR PLACE.

WHAT HE LACKS IN STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION, HE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IN WIT AND INTELLECT. AND WHILE HE DOESN'T CRAVE VIOLENCE, HE DOES ENJOY THE PAIN AND TORMENT HIS POWERS INFLICT ON OTHERS.

Fever

ALSO KNOWN AS
THE WHITE HORSE, OR FEE.

DESPITE HER TIMID AND RELUCTANT DEMEANOR, **FEVER** IS UNDENIABLY A SCOURGE TO BE RECKONED WITH. SHE SHARES **PESTILENCE**'S SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES, AS WELL AS HIS LOVE FOR AGONIZING DISEASES AND FORMER DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE. SHE HOWEVER DOES NOT BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST THE RETIRED HORSEMEN THE WAY THE OTHER HORSES DO.

PRESSURED BY **HATRED** INTO JOINING THE FORCES OF DARKNESS, SHE IS THE ONLY ONE STILL RELUCTANT TO ATTEMPT ANYTHING AGAINST **PESTILENCE** AND HIS BRETHREN.

Lily

BETTER KNOWN AS THE SPAWN,
THE BEAST OR THE ANTICHRIST.

FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS **THE CHILD**, THIS SEEMINGLY NORMAL TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS INDEED THE SPAWN OF **LUCIFER**, A CATALYST OF DARKNESS AND THE PRIMARY TARGET OF **THE COUNCIL**.

DESPITE HER STRANGE ABILITY TO SWAY AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE, **LILY** IS CURRENTLY UNAWARE OF HER NATURE. SHE CLAIMS TO BE THE DAUGHTER OF THE BANISHED PRINCE FROM A FAR AWAY LAND DESTINED TO RECLAIM HER FATHER'S KINGDOM. BELIEVING THE HORSEMEN TO BE HER UNCLES, SHE SOUGHT THEM OUT AFTER HAVING SPENT MOST OF HER LIFE IN AN ORPHANAGE.

SHE LOVES CATS, THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ, AND OF COURSE, HER NEW FAMILY.

BETTY

DESPITE HER PUNK SENSE OF FASHION AND SUPERNATURAL LINEAGE, **BETTY** IS A TRUST-WORTHY AND LEARNED SCHOLAR WITH NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF ANYTHING PARANORMAL.

WHILE THE **FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE** WERE HIDING IN THE SMALL FLAT SHE SHARES WITH HER FORMER HIGHSCHOOL FRIEND **ANGELA**, SHE FELL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A STRANGE LITTLE GIRL SEARCHING FOR THEM AND AGREED TO BRING HER HOME, NAME HER AND TAKE CARE OF HER.
UPON FINDING OUT ABOUT THE HORSEMEN AND THEIR SITUATION, SHE PROVIDED THEM WITH A WAY OUT OF TOWN AND BROUGHT THEM TO HER WEALTHY GRANDMOTHER'S ESTATE, ASSUMING THE PLACE WAS EMPTY. IT IS NOW UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT SHE'S STILL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE **SPAWN**, WHOSE TRUE IDENTITY SHE STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT.

HER LEGAL NAME IS **ELISABETH**, BUT SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT.

NANNA

AFTER POSING AS AN ORDINARY YET UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL BOTANIST FOR YEARS, **BETTY**'S GRANDMOTHER FINALLY REVEALED HER TRUE NATURE WHEN SHE RETURNED HOME TO FIND HER GRANDDAUGHTER SHELTERING **THE ANTICHRIST** AND **THE HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE** IN HER HOUSE.

AS THE CONTENT OF HER LIBRARY LED THE HORSEMEN TO SUSPECT, SHE IS ALSO A BONA FIDE WITCH WHOSE MAGICAL ABILITIES FLOURISH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE **ANTICHRIST**, TO A POINT WHERE SHE WAS EVEN ABLE TO SEE THE HORSEMEN WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO THEIR INFLUENCE.

HAVING LEARNED THEIR SITUATION, SHE AGREED TO LET THEM STAY AND KEEP THEIR SECRET, BUT REMAINS VERY WATCHFUL OF THE **SPAWN** AND HER POWERS.

Oscar

AFTER SHARING A BRIEF RELATIONSHIP WITH **ANGELA** DURING HER STUDIES, HER FORMER CLASSMATE **OSCAR** WAS LEFT CRUSHED AND BROKEN-HEARTED WHEN SHE DECIDED TO LEAVE TOWN AND PURSUE A STORY ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS NEWSPAPER.

HOPING SHE WOULD CONSIDER RETURNING TO LONDON AFTER SHE FOUND WHAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR, **OSCAR** STAYED IN TOUCH AND FOLLOWED HER INVESTIGATION VERY CLOSELY. BUT AFTER AN INCIDENT INVOLVING ROTTEN PIES AND A MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL ONLY SHE WAS ABLE TO SEE, **ANGELA** ASKED **OSCAR** TO LEAVE HER ALONE AND STOPPED ANSWERING HIS CALLS.

BOTH WORRIED AND DESPERATE TO GET BACK IN TOUCH, **OSCAR** EVENTUALLY CAME TO READING TO FIND HER AND MAKE AMENDS. BUT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, SOMETHING TERRIBLE FOUND HIM INSTEAD...

Lucy

ALSO KNOWN AS **THE DEVIL'S** PERSONAL ASSISTANT, THIS ALLURING SHE-DEVIL OPENLY ACTS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FATHER OF LIES HERE ON EARTH.

HAVING SECURED THE **FOUR HORSEMEN** AS THE **ANTICHRIST'S** NEW PROTECTORS AND CARETAKERS, SHE WENT ON TO RECRUIT THEIR FORMER MOUNTS TO SEEK OUT AND EXTERMINATE THEM, PROVIDING THEM WITH INFORMATION ON THE HORSEMEN'S RECENT WHEREABOUTS AND A TEAM OF BODY-SNATCHING DEMONIC ENTITIES TO HELP THEM IN THEIR MISSION. SHE HOWEVER FAILED TO INFORM THE HORSES OF THE **ANTICHRIST'S** EXISTENCE.

HER ACTUAL PLAN REGARDING THE HORSEMEN IS STILL UNKNOWN, BUT DESPITE HER CASUAL AND FRIENDLY DEMEANOR, **LUCY** IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

METATRON

CLAIMING TO BE THE **HIGHEST OF ANGELS**, AS WELL AS THE VOICE OF HEAVEN, THIS FLAMING SPIRIT HAS BEEN THE SECRET GUIDE OF **LADY BABEL** FOR DECADES.

WHENEVER SUMMONED, THIS SO-CALLED CELESTIAL SCRIBE APPEARS TO OFFER KNOWLEDGE AND COUNCIL TO THE PRIESTESS, ENCOURAGING HER TO SEEK THE DESTRUCTION OF BOTH THE HORSEMEN WHILE SUGGESTING SHE KEEPS HER UNUSUAL ABILITIES HIDDEN FROM HER MASTER AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL.

UPON HIS LAST SUMMONING, **THE METATRON** SENT THE GHOST OF HER FORMER AGENT **DAMOCLES** TO ASSIST **BABEL** IN HER TASK WHILE REMAINING INVISIBLE TO EVERYONE ELSE BUT HER, CREATING DISTRUST BETWEEN THE SUSPECTED WITCH AND HER NEW HUMAN ALLIES.

WHISPERING FRIENDS

THESE BODY-SNATCHING AGENTS OF HELL ARE **LILY'S** OLDEST FRIENDS, BUT ONLY TAKE THEIR ORDERS FROM HER FATHER AND HIS ASSISTANT.

WHILE THEY NEVER REVEALED HER FATHER'S IDENTITY TO THE YOUNG **ANTICHRIST**, THEY DID EDUCATE HER ON THE HORSEMEN AND THEIR POWERS, AND EVENTUALLY HELPED GUIDE HER TOWARDS THEM WHEN THE FORCES OF EVIL FINALLY LOCATED THEIR NEW WHEREABOUTS. NOW ASSISTING THEIR FORMER HORSES IN AN EFFORT TO DESTROY THEM, THESE DEMONS HAVE THE ABILITY TO POSSESS ALMOST ANYONE.

EASILY IDENTIFIABLE BY THEIR RED EYES, THE **WHISPERING FRIENDS** REFER TO **LILY** AS THEIR PRINCESS, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL SERVE HER INTEREST...

ZOMBIES

INFECTED BY A SUPERNATURAL VIRUS COMBINING THE POWERS OF ALL THREE HORSES, SOME RESIDENTS OF READING HAVE TURNED INTO A HORDE OF FLESH HUNGRY MONSTERS.

WHILE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS, THESE DISEASED ABERRATIONS SERVE NO AGENDA. THEY ROAM THE CITY IN SEARCH OF FOOD, LEAVING THEIR LESS WOUNDED VICTIMS TO ENDURE A QUICK BUT EXCRUCIATING TRANSFORMATION TO JOIN THEIR RANKS.

IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THESE CREATURES RETAIN ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO FOLLOW ORDERS, BUT AS FAR AS THEIR MAKERS SEEM CONCERNED, THEIR ONLY PURPOSE IS TO WREAK ENOUGH HAVOC TO CATCH THE HORSEMEN'S ATTENTION AND LEAD THEM BACK TO THEM.

OBLIVION

BETTER KNOWN AS THE PALE HORSE.

NONE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE DEATH'S ONCE FAITHFUL SKELETAL PALFREY. HE WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP, THE DAY HIM AND MOT PARTED WAYS. UNLIKE HIS FELLOW HORSES, IT SEEMS HE STOPPED MAKING HEAVY USE OF HIS DEADLY POWERS, WHICH ALSO MADE HIM VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE BY THE FORCES OF HELL.

WHETHER HE SHARES ALL OF HIS FORMER RIDER'S ABILITIES IS STILL UNCLEAR BUT HE WOULD UNDENIABLY MAKE A VALUABLE ASSET TO WHICHEVER FORCE SECURES HIM FIRST, ONE CAPABLE OF ULTIMATELY TIPPING THE SCALE IN THEIR FAVOR IN THE EVENTS TO COME...